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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS THAT IRAQ ORDERS STOP-PAYMENT ON
OBLIGATIONS TO TURKEY

REF: (A) ANKARA 8554, (B) ANKARA 8696, (C) ANKARA 9261

1. OPPOSITION DAILY MILLIYET, DEC. 23, REPORTS THAT IRAQ
HAS ORDERED INTERNATIONAL BANKS NOT TO PAY OUTSTANDING
IRAQI OBLIGATIONS TO TURKISH FIRMS RESULTING FROM EXPORT OF
TURKISH GOODS TO IRAQ. THE AMOUNT IS SMALL WITH RESEPCT TO
TURKEY'S OIL DEBT TO IRAQ. MILLIYET REPORTS THAT FIVE
TURKISH FIRMS ARE OWED 5 MILLION DOLLARS FOR EXPORTS ALREADY
MADE OF ALUMINUM, GLASS AND OTHER INDUSTRIAL GOODS. SOURCES
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WITHIN THESE FIRMS, WHICH ARE NOT IDENTIFIED, ARE QUOTED AS
SAYING THAT THE STOP-PAYMENT IS RETALIATION FOR TURKEY'S
FILURE TO PAY IRAQ FOR OIL IMPORTED (SEE REFTELS).

2. TURKISH GOVERNMENT AND BANKING SOURCES HAVE NOT
CONFIRMED OR DENIED THIS REPORT.

3. COMMENT: WE CONJUECTURE THAT, IF THIS REPORT IS TRUE, IT REPRESENTS AN ATTEMPT BY IRAQ TO PUT YET MORE PRESSURE ON TURKEY TO MAKE PROGRESS TOWARD CLEARING UP ARREARAGES ON OIL IMPORTS FROM IRAQ AND PERHAPS AS WELL TO OBTAIN FAVORABLE PRICES ON TURKISH GOODS TO BE BARTERED IN PENDING AGREEMENT ON TURKEY'S OIL DEBT TO IRAQ. (REFTELS.) WE WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK CONFIRMATION.
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